

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-85 are presented in this application. Claims 5-7, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 20, 24, 26-29, 31, 33-37, 39, 43, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 57, 60, 61, 63, 67, 68, 70, 73, 74, 78, 81, 83 and 85 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies for the purpose of reducing fees.

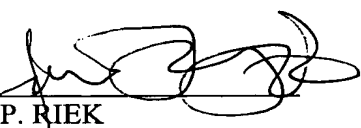
Applicants have amended the specification for purposes of adding the priority information. Further, appropriate headings have been inserted on accordance to 37 CFR 1.77. Applicants have attached an Abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required by US practice.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early consideration and Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including any fees required under 37 CFR Sect 1.16 or 1.17, and any necessary extension of time fees, to deposit Account No. 07-1392.

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## **ABSTRACT**

### **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING A PARODUCT**

There is provided a method of forming a tablet product. The method comprises closing off a perforation in a perforated plate; directing powder into said closed-off perforation by the sweeping action of a first director blade spaced from said perforated plate; compacting the powder to form a tablet; and transferring the so-formed tablet from the closed-off perforation. The method is characterized by relative rotary motion of the perforated plate and said first director blade. Suitable apparatus is also provided.